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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 and 12-16 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of copending Application No. 09/869,984. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is attached hereto to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner further states that claims 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of submission of the above-referenced Terminal Disclaimer, claim 1 is no longer under rejection, and applicants respectfully request that this objection to claims 9-11 be withdrawn.

The Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections as to the present claims based on the filing of the terminal disclaimer and pass the application to allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney should the Examiner wish to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted:

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